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This paper is a request for a continuation under 37 CFR §1.53(d) of:

Applicant: HEIDI PICHER-DEMPSEY

Title:

SECURE NETWORK ARCHITECTURE WITH QUALITY OF

SERVICE

DALLAS DELAWARE

BOSTON

NEW YORK

SAN DIEGO

SILICON VALLEY

TWIN CITIES

WASHINGTON, DC

Prior U.S. Application No: 08/990,096 Filing Date:

December 12, 1997

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to GTE Internetworking Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on May 1, 1998 at 9143/0910.

This request includes two (2) sheets.

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 7 pages.
- Postcard.

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The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

Basic filing fee	\$710
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18	\$72
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$80	\$320
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$1102

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Enclosures

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